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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: US-SPANISH NUCLEAR COOPERATION

REF: (A) STATE 290024; (B) MADRID 8658

1. IN THE ABSENCE OF FURTHER WORD FROM FONMIN FOL-  
LOWING AMBASSADOR'S TALK WITH FOREIGN MINISTER (REF B)  
WE CONTACTED FON MIN DIRECTOR OF GENERAL INTERNATIONAL  
TECHNICAL MATTERS JOSE MARIA VELO NOV. 29 CONCERNING  
EXTENSION OF REPROCESSING APPROVAL TO NON-US ORIGIN  
NUCLEAR FUEL. VELO SAID FONMIN WAITING FOR JUNTA  
DE ENERGIA NUCLEAR (JEN) RECOMMENDATION IN ORDER TO  
PROCEED. HE SAID THAT WHILE FONMIN IS READY TO ACT  
IN LINE WITH US REQUEST, JEN SEES TWO POSSIBLE  
PROBLEMS. FIRST, SINCE THE REQUESTED EXTENSION  
WOULD ALTER IN PART THE BILATERAL TREATY IT MAY  
REQUIRE A FORMAL AMENDMENT RATHER THAN AN EXCHANGE  
OF NOTES. SECOND, JEN BELIEVES THAT BUREAUCRATIC  
DELAY, USUALLY ENCOUNTERED IN SEEKING APPROVAL  
FOR REPROCESSING, CAUSES ECONOMIC PROBLEMS  
FOR PRIVATE OPERATORS OF NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS.  
VELO SAID HE WOULD CONTACT THE EMBASSY AS SOON AS  
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HE RECEIVED WORD FROM THE JEN.

2. WE ARE PREPARED TO INFORM FONMIN AND PASCUAL ABOUT AD HOC ARRANGEMENT (REF A), BUT BEFORE DOING SO AND SINCE IT IS CLEARLY QUITE DIFFERENT FROM ORIGINAL PROPOSAL, WE SHOULD LIKE SOME FURTHER ASSURANCE THAT DEPARTMENT WILL NOT CHANGE ITS MIND ONCE AGAIN. ON BASIS OF PREVIOUS INSTRUCTIONS WHICH WE ASSUMED HAD BEEN FULLY THOUGHT THROUGH, AMBASSADOR RAISED MATTER DIRECTLY WITH FOREIGN MINISTER. WE ARE RELUCTANT TO GO BACK ONCE AGAIN TO FONMIN ALTERING OUR FIRST PROPOSAL UNLESS WE CAN NOW BE SURE THAT AD HOC PROPOSAL IS THE FINAL WORD IN ORDER TO DEAL WITH PENDING APPLICATIONS.

3. WE SHALL DISCUSS ZORITA FUEL TRANSFER WITH PASCUAL SHORTLY. STABLER

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